

Minutes
The City of Frederick
Mayor and Board of Aldermen
Workshop

September 16, 2015
3:00 p.m.
Board Room – City Hall

- I. Mayor McClement called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present were Michael O'Connor, Joshua Bokee and Alderwoman Donna Kuzemchak. Alderman Kelly Russell arrived at 3:50 p.m. from a Transportation Planning Board meeting in Washington, D.C. and Aldermen Phil Dacey was out of town.

II. Workshop

1. Gerry Kolbfleisch, Director of Finance introduced Dr. Lee Martin of Peirce Park Group who gave a presentation on the City's Pension and OPEB Trust investment activity results for the preceding year.

III. Elected Officials' Comments

Alderman Bokee recognized a number of events that have taken place recently including In the Streets and the first Hillcrest Community Days. He thanked all of the volunteers for both events and thought both were well executed. He also attended the Eliminating the Achievement Gap meeting at the Back to School Night at Thomas Johnson High School. He thanked Jay Mason and everyone involved including FCPS Staff and said what a great opportunity it was to help parents access and understand the resources available to get their kids into the right tracts for success.

Alderman Russell apologized for being late due to the WASHCOG Transportation Planning Board. She also mentioned that she and Mayor attended the groundbreaking of a new community garden behind 101 W. South Street and thanked all of the partners involved in making it happen. She remarked at the great display of unity and acknowledged all involved. She also mentioned the Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation which was presented yesterday jointly with the County at Winchester Hall and said what a nice way it was to pay tribute to our Hispanic community who contribute so much to our character in Frederick

Alderman O'Connor reminded fellow members of the Board of Aldermen to please send any comments/thoughts regarding MML's legislative action requests to him by Monday. He said he was also at the Eliminating the Achievement Gap event at Thomas Johnson High School and said what a great resource fair it was for the school. He also acknowledged Congressman Delaney's presence and remarked on Superintendent Alban's presentation of the FCPS Strategic Plan. He also said that the Frederick Police Department is currently conducting a Crime and Citizen Survey and information can be found on the City's website. He said he attended the MML meeting on Tax Equity earlier in the day with Budget Director, Katie

Barkdoll and other municipal officials and he also attended the Frederick Coalition for the Homeless meeting where their Strategic Plan was adopted unanimously. He encouraged the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to consider having the Coalition come and present the plan and to have a conversation about how the City be a resource to bring the plan to fruition.

Mayor McClement remarked that the Tax Equity meeting held in Middletown is a great start. He said that as we examine how the calculation is conducted, the City must also remain conscious of the impact of our requests on other smaller municipalities within the County. He thanked Katie Barkdoll for being so knowledgeable on the topic and explained what information he would like to get from the County. He echoed the sentiments of Alderman Russell and thanked Corporal Rebecca Carrado, Nathan Zaller of Sunshine Management and Farmer Mike for their dedication to the community garden project. He also thanked Zach Fleagle and the Sanitation Department for their willingness to help with debris removal on the site.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:21 p.m.